

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505


8 September 1981

Mr. Brian V. Kinney
Chief, Declassification and
Historical Research Branch
Records Management Division
Washington Headquarters Services
Room 1D517, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Your letter of 20 May 1981 forwarded to us a one-page memorandum, dated 5 February 1951, Subject: Request for Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, with the request that we review its classification status. We have reviewed this document and have determined that we have no objection to its declassification. A copy of the document is attached as you requested.

Sincerely,


Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

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Attachment:

Memo dtd 5 Feb 51, Subj: Request
for Joint Congressional Committee
on Atomic Energy

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

5 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Request from Joint Congressional Committee
on Atomic Energy

1. Senator Brien McMahon, Chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, has requested a comprehensive estimate on Soviet capabilities "to impair, prevent, or frustrate the delivery of atomic weapons to targets inside the USSR".

2. This agency, with the assistance of the Departmental intelligence organizations, is willing to undertake the preparation of the necessary estimate, which we believe is desirable to insure Congressional support.

3. However, Senator McMahon's request necessitates an appraisal of Soviet defensive capabilities in terms of U. S. offensive capabilities, and this can only be done with the cooperation of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group because of its recent operational analyses in this field.

4. Therefore, I request your authorization for the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group to participate in this project. The finished product will be issued as a national estimate with the same limited distribution as that recently given to the report on the Soviet atomic energy program.

/s/ WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, HEADQUARTERS SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

20 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Request for Declassification Review

During the systematic review of all classified Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) documents over 20 years old, the Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Directorate for Correspondence and Directives, Washington Headquarters Services, turned up the attached document(s).

The documents were either originated by your agency, contain information for which your agency is the classification authority, or are otherwise of interest to you.

It is therefore requested that your agency review the documents and recommend declassification, continued classification at the present or lesser level of classification, and/or review by other agencies. If your agency is recommending continued classification, in accordance with Paragraph 3-401, Executive Order 12065, it is requested that an authority for continued classification be specified, along with a date for the next review.

The time permitted by Executive Order 12065 to reach the point where all OSD documents over 20 years old have been reviewed, and the large volume of over 20 year old OSD documents, make it necessary to request your response within 60 days. In your response, you may wish to provide guidance with regard to what categories of information you do and do not wish to have referred to you in the future.

Your assistance in effecting this review will be most appreciated. Please return the documents to Mr. Brian V. Kinney, Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Room 1D517, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301, upon completion of your review.

Without attachments, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

E. E. Lowry Jr.
E. E. Lowry, Jr.

OSD Records Administrator

Attachments (1)

- Memo, 5 Feb 51, Subj: Request for Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy (for review)
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